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**Survey
Results
Included**

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Dear Cattle Feeders:

Information contained herein is the result of mail, phone and personal interview surveys conducted during the past few weeks. Special recognition and appreciation are extended to all producers and agribusinesses who provided data making these reports possible.

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Director**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2007-2008**

State	October 1 Number on Feed ¹			September Placements			September Marketings			September Other Disappearance ²		
	2007	2008	2008/2007	2007	2008	2008/2007	2007	2008	2008/2007	2007	2008	2008/2007
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	350	360	103	28	24	86	24	25	104	2	1	50
California	540	505	94	60	55	92	47	53	113	3	2	67
Colorado	940	870	93	255	255	100	160	150	94	5	5	100
Idaho	210	195	93	48	57	119	41	41	100	2	1	50
Iowa	510	475	93	100	81	81	79	75	95	1	1	100
Kansas	2,310	2,160	94	540	485	90	355	400	113	15	15	100
Nebraska	2,140	2,110	99	540	550	102	320	390	122	10	10	100
New Mexico	133	173	130	17	27	159	13	20	154	2	1	50
Oklahoma	325	315	97	72	60	83	56	49	88	1	1	100
South Dakota	180	175	97	43	56	130	37	44	119	1	2	200
Texas	2,840	2,590	91	590	510	86	480	490	102	10	10	100
Washington	154	157	102	36	44	122	29	24	83	1	1	100
Other States	335	330	99	86	77	90	55	51	93	1	1	100
United States	10,967	10,415	95	2,415	2,281	94	1,696	1,812	107	54	51	94

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

² Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, October 17, 2008

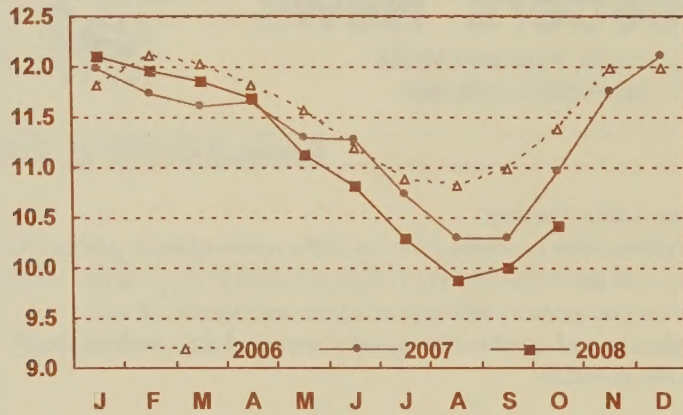
Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2007-2008

State	During September									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 Head									
Colorado	35	20	40	30	60	45	120	160	255	255
Kansas	140	80	140	100	130	155	130	150	540	485
Nebraska	100	80	80	70	120	120	240	280	540	550
Texas	190	145	170	150	165	130	65	85	590	510
Other States	145	120	75	65	90	91	180	205	490	481
United States	610	445	505	415	565	541	735	880	2,415	2,281

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed October 17, 2008

**United States Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**

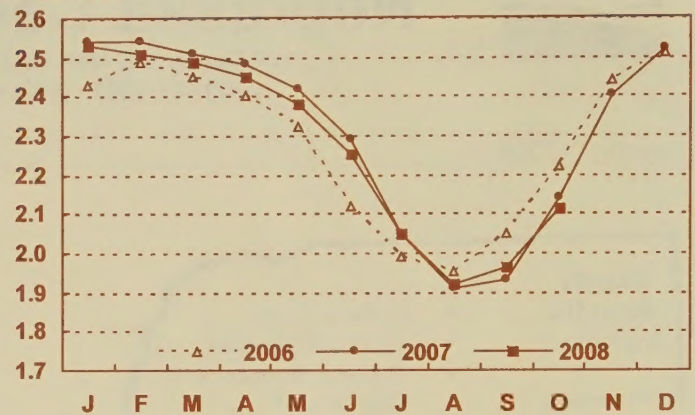
Million Head



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

**Nebraska Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**

Million Head



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States¹

Class	Sep 2007	Aug 2008	Sep 2008	Sep 08 % of		Jan-Sep ²		
	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Sep 2007	Aug 2008	2007	2008	08 as % of 07
				Percent	Percent	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent
Beef	2,066.7	2,238.8	2,239.2	108	100	19,428.4	19,910.3	102
Veal	9.1	11.0	12.5	137	114	103.7	102.7	99
Pork	1,731.1	1,787.9	1,958.0	113	110	15,652.0	17,113.4	109
Lamb & Mutton	12.9	12.5	13.6	106	109	129.2	124.7	97
Total Red Meat ³	3,819.7	4,050.2	4,223.3	111	104	35,313.3	37,251.2	105

¹Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. ²Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

³Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding. Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter October 24, 2008

Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection: United States

Item	Sep 2007	Aug 2008	Sep 2008	Jan-Sep ¹		Sep 2007	Aug 2008	Sep 2008	Jan-Sep ¹	
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	2007	2008	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	2007	2008
				1,000 Head	1,000 Head				Percent of Total	Percent of Total
Class²										
Cattle										
Steers	1,360	1,449	1,422	13,185	13,144	51.9	50.6	50.0	52.1	51.0
Heifers	782	836	835	7,565	7,619	29.8	29.2	29.4	29.9	29.6
All Cows	432	521	527	4,124	4,547	16.5	18.2	18.5	16.3	17.6
Dairy Cows	200	226	224	1,830	1,918	7.6	7.9	7.9	7.2	7.4
Other Cows	232	295	303	2,294	2,629	8.8	10.3	10.7	9.1	10.2
Bulls & Stags	48	59	59	412	465	1.8	2.1	2.1	1.6	1.8
Total ¹	2,621	2,866	2,842	25,285	25,774	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves & Vealers	55	78	86	564	676	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	8,390	8,845	9,533	75,215	82,427	96.6	96.4	96.6	96.4	96.5
Sows	257	286	298	2,444	2,673	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.1
Stags & Boars	36	40	36	359	353	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4
Total ¹	8,683	9,170	9,868	78,018	85,453	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	9	11	11	84	92	4.6	5.7	5.5	4.5	5.2
Lambs & Yrlngs	188	176	196	1,777	1,699	95.4	94.3	94.5	95.5	94.8
Total ¹	197	186	207	1,862	1,792	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹Total and percentages based on unrounded data. ²Species totals and classification reported by meat inspectors, Inspection Operations, FSIS.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter October 24, 2008

National Summary of Beef Graded²

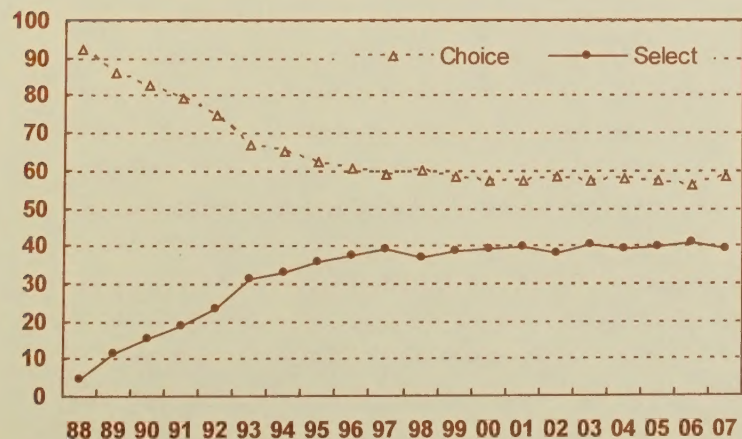
		Jan ³	Feb ³	Mar ³	Apr ³	May ³	Jun ³	Jul ³	Aug ³	Sep ³	Oct ³	Nov ³	Dec ³	Calendar Year ⁴
Quality Grade % of Total														
Prime	2006	2.79	2.84	3.00	2.79	2.44	2.55	2.76	2.74	2.86	3.16	3.22	3.16	2.85
	2007	2.99	2.81	2.68	2.47	2.22	2.20	2.28	2.41	2.57	2.89	3.06	2.91	2.61
	2008	2.83	2.77	3.11	3.18	2.80	2.67	2.71	2.53					
Choice	2006	57.68	58.41	57.82	54.97	53.63	54.55	56.43	55.57	55.56	56.17	56.50	58.03	56.17
	2007	60.15	59.57	58.42	56.02	56.35	56.75	57.83	57.80	57.48	57.70	58.85	58.74	57.93
	2008	61.02	63.19	64.14	62.06	59.68	60.22	60.64	59.35					
Select	2006	39.43	38.65	39.08	42.10	43.88	42.82	40.76	41.64	41.50	40.60	40.20	38.76	40.91
	2007	36.77	37.51	38.81	41.42	41.36	40.61	39.26	39.13	39.25	38.58	38.00	38.28	39.13
	2008	36.07	33.95	32.64	34.69	37.47	36.53	35.91	37.09					
Other ¹	2006	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.14	0.05	0.08	0.05	0.05	0.08	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.08
	2007	0.09	0.11	0.08	0.09	0.07	0.44	0.63	0.65	0.71	0.83	0.09	0.07	0.34
	2008	0.09	0.09	0.11	0.07	0.05	0.58	0.74	1.03					
Yield Grade % of Total														
#1	2006	8.74	9.34	10.26	11.24	10.42	9.36	7.82	7.89	7.95	8.06	7.98	7.73	8.93
	2007	7.67	8.59	9.54	10.47	10.47	9.74	8.01	7.87	8.50	8.23	7.93	8.44	8.79
	2008	8.02	8.26	8.83	10.42	10.57	9.65	8.62	8.82					
#2	2006	39.35	39.06	39.30	40.77	40.03	38.25	35.77	34.98	35.23	34.82	35.17	35.23	37.31
	2007	36.23	37.69	39.81	41.44	40.56	38.57	36.01	34.87	34.34	33.49	34.08	35.51	36.87
	2008	36.43	37.86	38.03	40.01	40.30	39.04	36.60	36.27					
#3	2006	42.16	41.49	40.15	39.03	40.25	42.59	43.46	43.48	43.24	42.91	43.48	43.78	42.09
	2007	43.57	42.89	41.18	40.03	41.04	42.70	44.99	45.33	44.57	44.56	44.85	44.88	43.40
	2008	45.25	43.88	42.55	40.57	40.40	41.82	43.59	43.27					
#4	2006	8.71	9.00	9.02	7.96	8.23	9.68	11.26	11.70	11.56	11.98	11.28	11.29	10.12
	2007	10.73	9.39	8.29	7.16	7.16	8.09	9.72	10.44	10.84	11.76	11.18	9.75	9.55
	2008	9.07	8.81	9.26	7.93	7.76	8.41	9.78	10.07					
#5	2006	1.05	1.12	1.26	0.99	1.07	0.13	1.69	1.95	2.02	2.22	2.10	1.97	1.56
	2007	1.80	1.44	1.19	0.89	0.77	0.91	1.26	1.50	1.76	1.96	1.96	1.41	1.40
	2008	1.22	1.19	1.34	1.07	0.96	1.08	1.41	1.57					
Total Lbs. (million lbs.)														
	2006	1,419.0	1,416.0	1,857.6	1,528.2	2,037.9	1,748.4	1,629.3	2,059.2	1,561.4	1,533.2	1,915.7	1,442.9	2,016.7
	2007	1,755.5	1,466.1	1,447.6	1,445.4	1,948.7	1,703.7	1,615.4	2,083.5	1,563.6	1,991.3	1,501.2	1,456.5	1,999.9
	2008	1,790.4	1,476.4	1,489.4	1,725.1	1,391.7	1,429.8	1,703.6	1,389.9					
Percent of Total Beef Graded														
	2006	85.1	83.8	83.5	83.8	84.9	85.9	85.3	83.2	83.3	82.0	81.8	80.5	83.6
	2007	80.2	81.4	80.7	80.9	82.3	84.3	84.5	83.4	83.4	81.4	79.8	80.8	82.0
	2008	80.6	81.6	80.8	81.6	82.6	83.0	82.8	82.2					

¹Other: Standard, Commercial, Utility, Cutter and Canner. ²Percentages are based on total quality graded or total yield graded.

³Month indicates sum of weeks ending Saturday for those weeks where a majority of the days fall in the indicated month. ⁴Calendar year totals may not add because they refer to the period Jan 1 thru Dec 31, rather than the sum of weeks ending Saturday, applicable to that year.

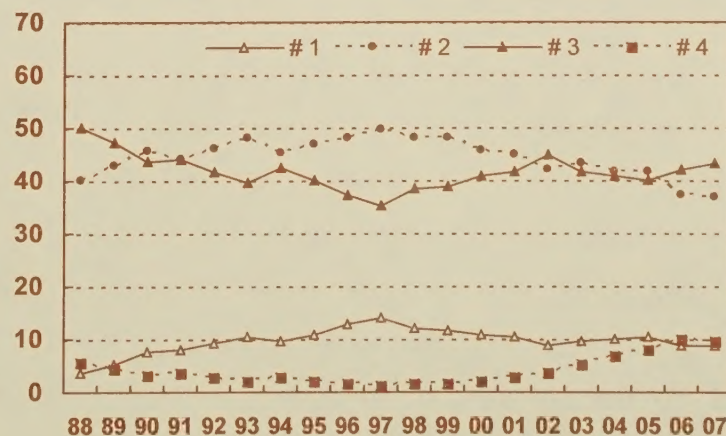
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Quality Grade Percent



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

Yield Grade Percent

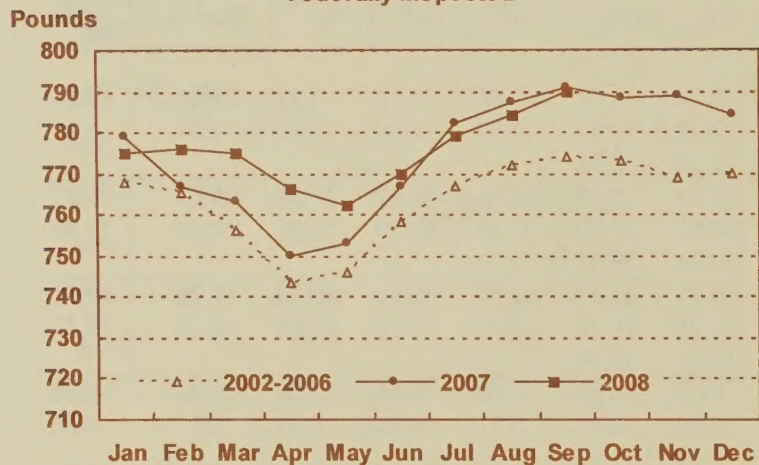


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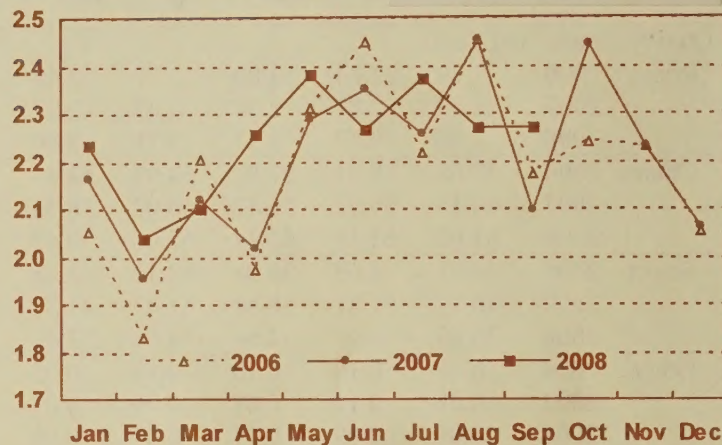
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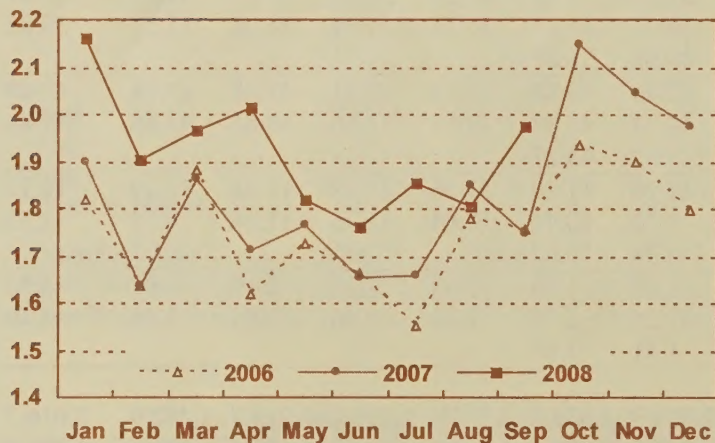
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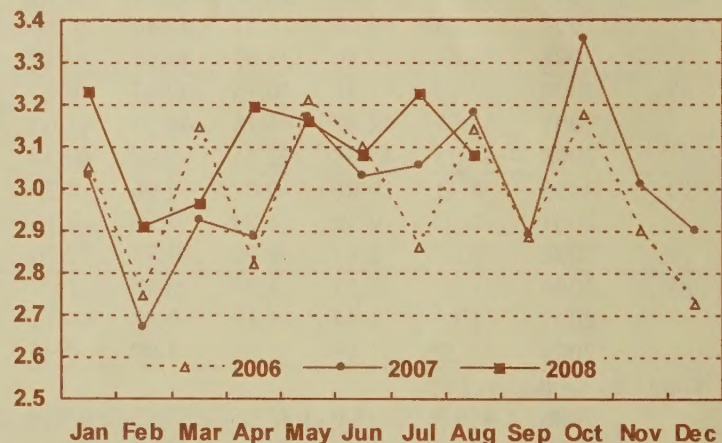
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